GLEN PARK NEWS

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ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR FEBRUARY 13

Mark your calendar now so that you will attend the Annual Meeting of the Glen Park Association on Tuesday evening, February 13, 1990, in the auditorium of the Glen Park Rec Center at 7:30 p.m.

At this meeting, we elect officers and hear reports on, essentially, the State of the Neighborhood. Committee chairs tell what they have accomplished during the previous year, and their goals for the coming one.

NOTE: GPA Bylaws state that in order to vote for officers, a member must pay his/her dues of $5 no later than January 23rd! So clip the application form in this issue and send it in with your dues **now.** Or bring them to the January meeting.

The Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate of candidates:.

President - Marcia DeHart*
Vice President - Joan Seiwald*
Corresponding Secretary - no recommendation
Membership Secretary - Lorraine Garrehy*
Recording Secretary - Nikki Castenada*
Treasurer - Sarah Glasgow

* incumbent

The slate reflects the fact that once a person is willing to serve, any volunteer organization will continue allowing them to serve until they show some evidence of venality or until the specific person flat-out refuses to take it anymore.

Additional nominations will be received from the floor at the January GPA meeting, in writing at the GPA post office box, and from the floor at the Annual Meeting in February. You can nominate yourself or a friend. We ask that you have the friend's permission, however, before nominating him/her. All rumors to the contrary, serving is a privilege, not a punishment.

GLEN PARK ALMOST UNSCATHED BY QUAKE

Nerves were frazzled, objects broken, but by and large, Glen Park was unharmed by the 7.1 temblor of October 17th. The rock on which our homes are built shook, but did not crumble like the sands and clays in other parts of the City Indeed, the most serious structural damage reported thus far was to a deck, which the owner reports can be easily fixed.

At the November GPA meeting, a resolution was unanimously passed to recognize the men and women of the City's emergency services, PG&E and PacBell (among others) for performance above and beyond the call of duty. In one incident specifically cited, a candle had set curtains and a mattress on fire. A neighbor was able to get a dial-tone to call 911 in less than a minute, and the fire department arrived in only two minutes. When City services are so badly needed and under such extreme stress, it was good to know they could still function — superbly.

Longer term questions — Several GPA programs were set back, but not killed. Among them are our new parking and traffic plans, and the McGruff House program.

As we go to press, signs advising a hearing on DPW changing the preferential parking time limit from 4 to 2 hours within 2 blocks of the business district are around the neighborhood. Assuming DPW approves, it then goes to the Government Operations Committee of the Board of Supervisors. Your letters are needed **now** *(see Action Alert, page 4)* in support of the change.

Traffic Engineering reports that some of the minor modifications we requested will be implemented 'shortly', and that studies of more complex problems have been calendared. Essentially, DPW is 30 days behind because of the quake, but they are once more moving forward.

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Important Dates – GPA Meetings

December – No meeting this month.
January 23 – Final date to receive dues in order to vote at the February Annual Meeting.
February 13 – Annual Meeting.

The GPA meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month (except December) at 7:30 p.m. in the Glen Park Recreation Center Auditorium, Elk and Chenery Streets. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and learn about the issues we face together as a community.

GLEN PARK ASSOCIATION – NOTES –

HELP WANTED

As of our February Annual Meeting, the number of vacant committee chairs will rise dramatically. This is of grave concern to all of us active in the GPA, and ought to be of concern to everyone in the neighborhood Because, the fact is, the committee chairs are the ones who do the work and get the job done. They are the people most responsible for making Glen Park a better place to live and work.

If any of the following positions reflects your personal or professional interests or abilities, and you would be willing to devote a few hours a month to improve the quality of life in your neighborhood, please pick up the phone and call **Marcia DeHart** at 586-1735. If you don't do it, it won't get done.

Fundraising — Money makes the world go round, and the more funds the GPA has to work with, the more it can do on your behalf. If you're a natural born party giver or event planner, this long-vacant job cries out for your help

Neighborhood Improvement — This used to be known as 'Beautification", which is overly limiting but a fair summary. You can take it in a variety of directions, from tree planting to litter abatement to... most anything you'd like.

Programs — This chair arranges for speakers to come to GPA meetings. Thus far, other chairs have shared this load. But if there's a topic you'd like to know more about, this is how you can arrange to hear more about it.

Public Safety — This person works with Police, Fire and other emergency services to make sure Glen Park's needs are met. It's ideal for children of the 60s..

Traffic & Parking — Sick of not being able to park near where you want to eat or shop? Tired of waiting through three cycles of the stoplight at Monterey and Circular? Don't just complain under your breath; use the position of committee chair to get results.

Additionally, with **Sarah Glasgow** running for Treasurer, a vacancy has been created for the elected office of Corresponding Secretary. Sarah reports this job is 'easy'. When GPA takes a vote, she alerts the appropriate groups that the vote has been taken, in writing. All persons with access to a typewriter or computer printer are strongly urged to run for this office.

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The GLEN PARK ASSOCIATION

7 September 1989

Dear Friends:

Tiffany Farr spoke with me today about events over the Labor Day weekend involving juveniles. There seems to be some uncertainty about the appropriate response when this kind of activity takes place. But it's really very simple --

CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY!

Any crime in progress, or within 5 minutes or so of the crime (when there is reasonable expectation that a suspect could be apprehended) is enough of an emergency to call 911.

And while kids do have a right to loiter and hang out, they do NOT have a right to make unnessary noise by yelling at each other or playing radios at excessive volume (disturbing the peace), wander into your store and hang out (trespassing), yell at passers-by or block sidewalks (assault) or throw rocks, bottles or whatever at passing cars and Muni buses (assault, malicious mischief, reckless endangerment, etc.). Those are crimes, and we have to get the message out to these kids that they will not be tolerated in this neighborhood. Period.

The only way to get the message out to them is to consistently call 911 at the very first sign of trouble.

I wish it were that easy for graffiti. To all of you who got hit, we share your frustration and anger. There is only one proven way to cut down on graffiti attacks, however, and that is to paint over it or remove it immediately. Because graffiti only begets more graffiti. It also sends out the message that nobody cares about that particular place, which gives silent permission for even worse activities to follow. So it is vitally important that you get rid of the graffiti as quickly as you possibly can. It HAS to be a priority for you and your landlord.

I genuinely hope that last weekend was the exception, not the start of a trend. Perhaps it was youthful exuberance over the anticipated return to school. (?) Just in case it wasn't, we have to make sure the word goes out that Glen Park is NOT a good place to pull that stuff. Let's work together on this. Thank you.

Marcia

Marcia DeHart
President

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McGruff House is more complicated. It was set back not only by the quake, but also by sequential vacations of key people and an unseasonal rainstorm on the previously scheduled Fingerprinting Day.

Co-chairs **Toba Olson** and **Tiffany Farr** report the effort should be back on track during January, and formally launched in February. So look for signs on when Fingerprinting Day is scheduled.

The general post-quake sense around our neighborhood is that we were lucky, and we know it, and are grateful. Individual neighbors have opened their homes to others less fortunate who lost their homes. Many of us made emergency contributions to organizations like the Red Cross, Glide Memorial Church and Project Open Hand, all of whom stepped in and immediately began relieving the suffering. Both Glide and Open Hand did so simply on faith, trusting that the money would come from somewhere. To some extent it has, but not fully.

At the January GPA meeting, therefore, a motion will be made to take a collection up among ourselves as individuals, with an additional contribution from GPA, for donation to an organization we will vote on. That way, we – as a community – can reach out and help other communities in need. Plan on attending that meeting, and bring your checkbook.

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ACTION ALERT

In order to get what we want, we have to speak up and make our voices heard. Several on-going efforts are now at crucial phases. Your letters and phone calls and, best of all, your personal attendance at hearings will be needed to ensure success.

• **O'Shaughnessy Blvd. Open Space.** The Supes and the Mayor have approved a recommendation that the upper O'Shaughnessy parcel slated for development be instead purchased as open space. Your letters are needed **now** to:

Douglas Engmann
The Planning Commission
City Hall
San Francisco, CA 94102
and
The Open Space Committee
McLaren Lodge - Golden Gate Park
San Francisco, CA 94117

For further information on when hearings are scheduled, contact GPA Rec & Park Chair **Dawn Murayama** at 333-9053.

• **Revised Preferential Parking Plan (the 2-hour limit).** This will go to the Governmental Operations Committee in mid-December, and to the full Board in late December or early January. To ensure its adoption, contact the following **NOW:**

Supervisor Jim Gonzalez, Chair
Governmental Operations Committee
Board of Supervisors
City Hall
San Francisco, CA 94102.

Letters to the other committee members (Supervisors Hsieh and Alioto) would help, too.

A file number will be assigned in early December, and it's best if you refer to this file number in all contact with the Supes.. Call **Marcia DeHart** at 586-1735 for that number, along with dates and times of hearings

• **Airport Noise.** Now that SFIA has confirmed parts of San Francisco are noisier than some communities adjacent to the airport, those complaint calls are more important than ever.

When a particularly noisy plane flies overhead, do not wait! Pick up the phone and call 876-2219.

Frequent callers (i.e., people in heavily impacted neighborhoods like parts of Glen Park) are now assigned special numbers, so you won't have to give the same information about your location each time you call. Ask for a number the next time you call.

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Farewells

Several people we have come to rely on are resigning their positions. **James Goodfellow** has moved to the Upper Fillmore, resigning his Traffic & Parking chair position in the process. He leaves behind an impressive record for only a one-year tenure: a revised parking plan for our neighborhood, and proposed traffic flow revisions. He will be missed, but we grudgingly wish him well.

For 20 years, **Nelson Combs** has been an officer in local community organizations. He's past president of the Glen Park Property Owners Association, the predecessor of today's GPA, was the first President of the GPA, and for as long as some of us can remember, has served as Treasurer. In that position, he has been a source of sound financial advice and monitoring, and has taken the GPA from literally no money whatsoever to solvency and comparative security. Increased work demands in his own business, however, necessitate his stepping down at the next annual meeting.

This is a tremendous loss to the rest of us on the GPA Board, to the membership as a whole, and, indeed, to the entire neighborhood. There are two items any organization needs to be successful, and they are both exceptionally rare: history, and wisdom. Nelson has both, and he has freely shared them whenever he has been requested to do so. Even though he will no longer be officially on the Board, all of us hope he will not deprive us of those two sorely needed commodities.

In an upbeat note, though, we are delighted at our good fortune in having **Sarah Glasgow** offer to run for Treasurer. Whoever is ultimately elected to the spot, though, will no doubt need to turn to Nelson on a regular basis for advice and counsel. Each of us already does, and old habits are hard to break.

Airport Blues

Welcome back to the continuing drama of the Airport expansion. In our last episode you may remember that the Airport was to have its Master Plan environmental impact report ready last month. In a not surprising plot twist, it has been delayed.

Airport administration continues to claim that the ***only*** reason they are investigating runway expansion is to be good neighbors and reduce noise impacts. Isn't it comforting to know they are looking after our health and safety?

But wait! The Board of Supervisors Airport Noise Committee recently uncovered an FAA study of runway capacity expansion around the country. This document shows that the FAA with the full (even eager) cooperation of San Francisco Airport, was looking into expanding runway capacity at SFO (and thus increasing the number of potential flights in and out) since 1985!

The report mentions noise and environmental concerns as obstacles to this grand plan, but claims they can be easily overcome.

And there's another new sub-plot in this byzantine saga, which should help restore your sanity a little. Turns out, the FAA has been shifting bay area air traffic to SFO for the past two years. Indeed, SFO's own noise monitoring division has indicated some parts of San Francisco are now noisier on average than some communities immediately surrounding the airport. See, it's NOT all in your head, after all!

Will SFO – 'fess up? Will the FAA give up the pretense of being a service to the citizenry instead of the industry ? Will late-night 'operations' of noise-exempt cargo planes increase? Stay tuned for the next installment of Airport Blues, coming in the March issue of this paper.

A Thank You to our Merchants

Our neighborhood has many things going for it, not the least of which, we were reminded recently, is that we are built on rock. But among the most important qualities that make Glen Park so livable is our merchant community. In some neighborhoods, merchants and residents seem to have divergent views of every situation. Not here. While there are occasional differences of opinion, by and large the Glen Park merchants are generally in sync with residents — which creates a palpable synergy of good feeling and community pride.

Two recent events are worth citing. When the word went out about an escalating assault and extortion rate among juveniles, the GPA pow-wowed with the Glen Park Merchants Association. The result was McGruff House, a series of safe places where kids will be able to go when they feel threatened. More merchants than neighbors volunteered to be part of this program — an amazing and gratifying surprise.

The second came in early September. Over one weekend, groups of juveniles managed to graffiti almost every shop in our business district, and some houses nearby, as well. Within one week, virtually all the graffiti had been painted over — a huge labor! — and we had a spanking-clean business district once again. You need only walk a few blocks to see the difference between Glen Park and other commerce corridors, and be grateful.

Those are just two examples, in a long history of cooperation and caring. We residents can do two things to show our appreciation to these good people. First, the next time you're in a Glen Park store, say thank you. Second, be in those stores. Shop locally. Before you go elsewhere to make purchases, ask yourself whether you couldn't get the same item for virtually the same price — and with less hassle — right in Glen Park. Chances are, for most everyday needs, you can. Let's all do our part to keep these good people in our community by ensuring their prosperity.

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Branch Library News - *Check It Out!*

Glen Park branch librarian **Martin Magid** reports our beloved little branch suffered no discernible damage during the earthquake, and all patrons and staff were unhurt. The Main Library did not fare as well overall. It is still closed to staff and public while structural damage is assessed. As we go to press, rumor central reports most areas are structurally safe. The stacks in the North Wing, however, will need extensive repairs and a reopening date cannot now be projected. All other parts of the building will be opened to the public by December, according to current estimates.

In the "every cloud has a silver lining" department, decreased service at the Main may — MAY! — portend increased hours at the branches. Such changes, if they occur, will be extensively publicized.

While the Main is closed, Glen Park branch is limited in its ability to borrow books. But now that computers are back in service, at least intermittently, inter-branch lending has resumed.

Special Children's Program — Glen Park Branch is planning a special paper-folding event for children. Martin says that kids will have preference at this event, but no doubt a few of us adults can squeeze in, as well. Drop by the library to learn all the details. It's sure to be great fun.

Finally, Martin asks us to relay the following. 'Thank you again for your concern and patience, as we are in great need of both. On behalf of all our staff, we wish you all the happiest of holiday seasons and (most hopefully) a quakefree new year.'

The Greening of Glen Park

On Saturday, Sept. 30th, Glen Park was made greener by almost 70 trees. This magnificent accomplishment, involving blood and sweat if not tears, of Glen Park neighbors was a joint project of the GPA and the San Francisco Friends of the Urban Forest.

Surrey Street residents were awakened that day to an invasion of tree planters. Quickly they organized themselves into planting groups, disbursing supplies and loading trees onto volunteer trucks to be delivered to sites all over the neighborhood — from Joost to Arbor and Chilton to Chenery.

Block captains **Len Deneweth, Jay Estey, Dennis Figueroa, Les Gerstmann, James Goodfellow, Pat Keaney, Beth Kershaw, Donna Mason, Bruce Weitzman and Carol Gamble** led their neighbors in digging holes, filling watering tubes with gravel, tamping stakes and setting in trees. Then all parties celebrated at the Glen Park Rec Center with lunch for all volunteers and the FUF reps who donate their Saturday mornings to advise and help in tree planting citywide.

There was much to celebrate, because these good people have made a lasting, beautiful contribution to our neighborhood. The change is already apparent — check out Wilder, Carrie, Chilton or Lippard Streets, for example. And while the volunteers admit they are 'seeing' the trees as they will be in five or ten years, all full and tall and leafy, there is enough difference now for even the most skeptical eye.

Carol Gamble, GPA Health & Environment Chair who led the effort, wants to be sure the good deeds of others who helped the cause be recognized. **Len Deneweth** produced the notices and flyers which informed neighbors about the planting. **Lena Chou** helped out with arranging morning refreshments, even though she wasn't able to plant a tree. Special thanks are due to **The Glen Park Merchants Association, Tiffany's Wines & Spirits, A Cut Above Meats, Penrose Properties, Diamond Super Market, and Bank of America** for their generosity which contributed not only to the success of the planting, but to the good times and fellowship that resulted, as well. And special thanks to the **Friends of the Urban Forest** for providing their services, efficiently, professionally, and cheerfully.

And a final, very special thanks to everyone who planted and helped to plant a tree!

If you would like to experience the joy of tree planting in Glen Park call **Carol Gamble** at 334-1507. She'll give you all the details on how you can get your block organized and green.

Youth Court Coming

Early in 1990, the southern neighborhoods of San Francisco within Ingleside Police District will have their own Youth Court up and operating. Youth Court is a juvenile diversion program for 12 to 18 year old first offenders who live in the area and have no gang affiliation. When such a youngster is picked up by the police, s/he is offered a choice of taking the case through normal juvenile justice channels, or agreeing to not contest the charges and submit to a sentence rendered by a jury of his/her peers.

In Youth Court, high-schoolers are the jury. They are also the prosecuting and defense attorneys, the Clerk of the Court, and the Probation Authority which ensures sentences are fulfilled. Indeed, the only adult directly involved in the Court is the judge, a volunteer attorney who ensures order and procedure are correct. Youth Court then operates with the full authority of the Juvenile Court.

The Richmond district Youth Court, on which the southern court is modelled, has been operating since February 1989. Cases have included assault, possession of a deadly weapon, graffiti, joyriding and similar misdemeanors. Sentences generally include up to 40- hours of community service in an appropriate agency, an essay on why

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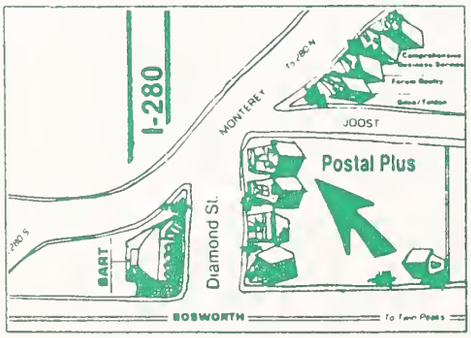

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Most remarkable of all, it works. During Phase I of Richmond's pilot program, out of 42 defendants during the first six months, only three were picked up a second time. In Danville, where the court has been operating for three years, there is only a 2% recidivism rate. Contrast that figure with current justice system recidivism rates ranging from 50 to 90 percent.

Youth Court achieves its effectiveness by supporting the vast majority of young people who, despite all odds, are keeping their lives together and working towards a solid future. It empowers these kids to intervene in their peers' lives when they are having problems, and do something that is meaningful to get them back on track. It is remarkably inclusive, as well: the new juries in the Richmond include two former defendants.

Youth Court has an Advisory Board composed of community members, representatives from the Police and Juvenile Probation departments, and local schools. Their sole job is to ensure the young people are able to run the court in as effective manner as possible.

To see what a treat we have in store for us, visit any Richmond District Youth Court. They are held at UCSF, 3333 California Street at Masonic, at 4:00 p.m. on the last Wednesday of every month, year round. The attorneys argue their cases with all the passion and cleverness of the best adult lawyers. Juries render verdicts that often seem as off-the-wall as adult juries, but which reflect their own internal logic and the value system of today's teenagers. The clerk and his staff make sure everything hums along smoothly. Visitors who come in skeptically invariably report their opinions of today's young people are irreversibly changed for the better.

Adult and teenage volunteers are still needed to help the Advisory Board. If you would like to get involved in one of the most rewarding programs this City has ever seen, one that makes a real difference in young people's lives, call **Marcia DeHart** at 586-1735 or **Pat Bell** at San Francisco SAFE at 553-1984.

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